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FROM NEWSOM FOR AMBASSADOR

1. ACCORDING TO MOST RECENT USUN/DEPT VOTE ESTIMATES,
COUNTRY TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED IS EITHER IN FAVOR OF
PRO-SIHANOUK RESOLUTION OR PLANS TO ABSTAIN.
2. AT THIS TIME, WE ARE MAKING CONCERTED EFFORT TO RESPOND
TO REQUESTS FROM EACH OF YOUR GOVERNMENTS. WE WANT THEM TO
REALIZE THIS FACT AND KNOW THAT WE SEE THE ISSUE OF
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CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION AS ONE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US.

3. I DO NOT WISH TO PRESSURE THOSE GOVERNMENTS OR TO UN-DULY LINK THESE ITEMS AT THE UN WHICH WE CONSIDER IMPORTANT WITH THE OUTCOME OF OUR RESPONSE TO THEIR PRESSING NEEDS. BUT I WOULD HOPE THOSE GOVERNMENTS COULD RECOGNIZE SPECIAL EFFORTS WE ARE MAKING ON THEIR BEHALF AND SEE FIT TO MODIFY THEIR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

4. FOR N'DJAMENA: ALTHOUGH CHAD DOES NOT FIT AS WELL IN THIS DESCRIPTION AS OTHER ADDRESSEES, I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WEIGH IN WITH GOC ON THIS QUESTION.

5. YOU MAY DRAW ON STATE REFTELS IN ANY APPROACHES YOU

MAKE TO HOST GOVERNMENT. DEBATE IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 4-6; THUS URGENT STEPS ARE REQUIRED. FYI: US IS LESS INTERESTED IN WINNING VOTE THAN IN AVOIDING IT ALTOGETHER. EXISTENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF FENCE-SITTERS MAKES THIS STRATEGY DIFFICULT. BUT TREND IS NOW DISCERNIBLE FOR FENCE-SITTERS TO COME DOWN AGAINST PRO-SIHANOUK RESOLUTION. IF THIS TREND CAN BE MAINTAINED THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS AND THOSE OF OTHER POSTS, SPONSORS OF PRO-SIHANOUK RESOLUTION COULD BE DISSUADED FROM PRESSING IT TO A VOTE. YOU SHOULD NOT RAISE WITH HOSTS POSSIBILITY OF DEFERRING OR AVOIDING VOTE ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE, BEARING IN MIND SUCH PROPOSAL, IN ORDER TO SUCCEED, MUST BE SEEN TO ARISE IN UNGA AS COMPROMISE BETWEEN PRO-GKR AND PRO-SIHANOUK FORCES. END FYI.

6. PLEASE REPORT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE INFO USUN. KISSINGER UNQUOTE PORTER

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